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TAGS: MASS, KS, OREP FRASER

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN FRASER VISIT

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REF: (A) SEOUL 2759; (B) SEOUL 2677; (C) STATE 88491

1. WE UNDERSTAND REPORT ON VISIT OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER TO KOREA AND PHILIPPINES WILL NOT BE COMPLETED AND RELEASED UNTIL MAY. FRASER IS NOW PLANNING TO HOLD HEARINGS ON KOREA, PHILIPPINES, AND CUBA BEGINNING IN MAY BUT NO DATE HAS BEEN FIXED.

2. REGARDING REQUEST OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER FOR REPORT ON STEPS TAKEN TO CLARIFY PRIMIN'S MARCH 18 STATEMENT (REF C), WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY RELUCTANCE TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT. HOWEVER, SINCE PRIMIN'S STATEMENT WAS BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND REPORTED IN KOREAN PRESS, WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO GET SOME CORRECTIVE WORDING INTO PUBLIC RECORD.

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3. APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO MIGHT BE IN CONTEXT OF

NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS ON FY 75 MAP LEVELS FOR KOREA.
DEPARTMENT PLANS TO SUBMIT WORLD-WIDE MAP ALLOCATION TO
CONGRESS BY APRIL 26 AND EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OF
FIGURES BY SEPTEL SHORTLY. AFTER RECEIPT OF SEPTEL
CONVEYING KOREAN ALLOCATION, EMBASSY MAY PUBLICLY USE

FIGURES FOR ROK MAP, NOTING THEY ARE WITHIN FRASER
AMENDMENT CEILING. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF
ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN ORDER TO ANSWER LETTER FROM
CONGRESSMAN FRASER.

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